CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA RESOLUTION # 25-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH CARDNO TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO BROWNFIELD SERVICES AT THE BUCKNER BUILDING AND OTHER POSSIBLE CITY PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, the City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Brownfield Program Services and received two qualified and responsive proposals to the RFQ; and

WHEREAS, the City's objectives in this project included hiring a firm to assist in preparing an EPA Brownfield Community-wide Assessment or multi-purpose grant application, identifying and pursuing Brownfield and economic development-related grant funding opportunities, engaging the community in the Brownfield project process, and executing all services necessary to facilitate site identification, site-assessment, environmental protection, site clean-up, mitigation, and site re-use and redevelopment planning; and

WHEREAS, the successful proposer will assist the City in all aspects of the Brownfield process, including seeking grants through grant writing, conducting services on behalf of the City utilizing successful grant funding, including working with environmental permitting agencies, project management, site assessment, mitigation services, site cleanup, site redevelopment and reuse planning, etc.; and

WHEREAS, a scoring team met to score the proposals based on scoring criteria provided to the Whittier City Council at its Council meeting of August 16, 2021, including 1) 25% grant writing experience; 2) 25% experience of key personnel; 3) 25% approach and understanding of scope; 4) 10% community engagement experience; 5) 10% performance on similar projects; and 6) 5% cost; and

WHEREAS, the scoring team selected the Cardno proposal and recommends approval of an agreement which comes at no cost to the City of Whittier for services including grant writing, community engagement activities, EPA debrief meetings and the development of future grant applications at no cost to the City; essentially, the contractor will be paid through any successful grant awards, for qualifying services provided for programmatic, community engagement, site assessment, and site cleanup and reuse planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, Cardno is a worldwide global infrastructure, environmental and social development company operating in more than 100 countries with a staff of more than 4,000 professional engineers, grant writers, planners, project managers, etc. with significant experience assisting local governments in obtaining Brownfield grants and then implementing successful projects to clean-up, remediate, restore and repurpose those sites.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Whittier, Alaska that the City Manager is hereby authorized to approve the agreement for professional consulting services with

Cardno and to take whatever other actions are necessary to facilitate the agreement on behalf of the City.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 7th day of September 2021.

Introduced by: Jim Hunt, City Manager

Dave Dickason MAYOR

ATTEST:

Naciene Matsumiya CITY CLERK

Ayes: 5
Nays: |
Absent: |
Abstain: 0